

Apache-Sitgreaves NF's Fire/Aviation & Safety



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Pre-suppression Briefing

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- FY 2001 the forest was funded at 100% of MEL; with the additional funding we filled the following positions. These positions are a mix of PFT permanent and seasonal temporary positions.

Twenty-nine positions were hired that included 22 new hire engine positions, two reassignments to engine positions and one dispatcher.

Heber Hotshots also successfully picked up four permanent seasonal employees. This brought the crew to a total of six permanent appointments. The crew is currently one position short of the required number in the OPS guide. The plan is to keep this position vacant until next season, filling in with a temporary.

In round one temporary hiring the forest anticipated hiring thirty temporaries and we were successful in hiring twenty.

In round two temporary hiring the forest anticipated hiring seventy temporary positions, with a success rate of approximately fifty.

Currently with the positions that have been filled we are at 90% of MEL. All of our dozer positions will be staffed; our shortfalls are anticipated in the engine arena, but we feel this can be handled with other hiring options, including rehires, student hires and thirty-day emergency hires.

Included is the Apache-Sitgreaves current 5100-2, this analysis was validated regionally in October 1997. There will be some changes in the next analysis that will include the elimination of the Engine Suppression Specialist positions; currently we have upgraded our Heavy Engine Operator's to fill these positions. The forest analysis is also reflecting a Fire Planner/Prevention position; this position is currently not filled.